

BOONE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES  
JULY 12, 2011

Council President Steve Jacob called the meeting to order. Council members in attendance were Butch Smith, Debby Shubert, Brent Wheat, Gene Thompson and David Rodgers.

Council member Marcia Wilhoite was not present.

The Council minutes from June 14, 2011 were submitted for approval. Council member Debby Shubert made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Council member Gene Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Council member Gene Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes from the Joint Commissioners and Council meeting held June 14, 2011. Council member David Rodgers seconded. Motion carried.

Council President Steve Jacob called the Public Hearing on Cum Bridge Levy Fund to order. County Attorney Bob Clutter stated currently the levy is .0408 cents per \$100. A portion has been going to Boone County 4-H for their building fund. That amount currently going to 4-H will cease in the end of 2011 and will revert back to cum bridge. That money will be available for county use in 2012.

Tom Kouns, Highway Superintendent spoke regarding cum bridge fund. Mr. Kouns informed the Council that relinquishment of SR 334 to all three local governmental units is complete and in effect. Whitestown and Zionsville are responsible for the maintenance and the county is responsible for the three bridges on SR 334. Currently, all three bridges are up to standard. However, one of the three will need maintenance within the next 10 years.

Council member Gene Thompson made a motion to move .0173 back to Cum Bridge fund. Council member David Rodgers seconded. Motion carried.

Council member David Rodgers made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing on Cum Bridge Levy Fund and Council member Debby Shubert seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Council President Jacob re-opened the Regular Council Meeting

RE-APPROPRIATIONS

RE-ASSESSMENT: (Lisa Garoffolo, Assessor)

Council member Gene Thompson made a motion to approve transferring \$14,894.93 from 0123-115-3000.41 (Printing) to 0123-115-3000.21 (FORM 11's). Council member Butch Smith seconded. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY: (Tom Kouns, Highway Superintendent)

Council member Butch Smith made a motion to approve the transfer of \$1,000.00 from 0702-533-1000.30 (Uniforms) to 0702-533-3000.10 (Communication). Council member Debby Shubert seconded. Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

SHERIFF: (Ken Campbell, Sheriff)

Council member David Rodgers made a motion to approve \$726.05 for 0101-005-3000.02 (Medical) and \$16.27 for 0101-005-3000.12 (Postage). Council member Debby Shubert seconded. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS: (Jeff Wolfe, Commissioner)

Council member Butch Smith made a motion to approve \$6,554.24 for 0101-068-3000.46 (Boone Co Trails) and Council member Debby Shubert seconded. Motion carried.

JAIL MAINTENANCE: (No one present)

Council member David Rodgers made a motion to approve \$36.00 for 0101-380-2000.70 (Other Supplies) and Council member Butch Smith seconded. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY: (Tom Kouns, Highway Superintendent)

Council member David Rodgers made a motion to approve \$67,214.07 for 0702-531-2000.55 (146<sup>th</sup> ST Ext) and Council member Debby Shubert seconded. Motion carried.

Council member Butch Smith made a motion to approved \$50,000.00 for 0702-533-2000.21 (Gas and Oil) and Council member Brent Wheat seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Boone County Health Department Director, Cindy Murphy requested that a new unappropriated fund be established entitled Trust Account. The Health Department receives two grants each year that have to do with the Tobacco Master Settlement. One is referenced as the Local Health Department Maintenance Fund and the other is now called Trust Fund and must be separated from other Health Department Funds. The PT Preparedness Liaison will then be paid from this fund. Council member Gene Thompson made a motion to approved 0817-610-5000.99 (Trust Account) and Council member Debby Shubert seconded. Motion carried.

Council member David Rodgers updated the Council regarding a possible hiring freeze and employee replacement policy. It was suggested by the Personnel Committee that department heads come before the Council to get approval to fund replacement employees or add new positions. The Committee is aware that exceptions will need to be made for Jail Corrections Officers. Emergency Council meetings can be called for

extreme circumstances. Lisa Garoffolo, Assessor, asked if part time employees will be eliminated for 2012. The intent is to protect full time positions; part time positions will be looked at during budget process. After much discussion, it was determined that County Attorney Bob Clutter will meet with personnel committee to help draft a more efficient document regarding the hiring/replacing of employees. Council member Rodgers asked that department heads to submit questions/concerns prior to the personnel meeting. The Council agreed they will vote on the policy at the August meeting. Sheriff Ken Campbell brought up the option of a public safety tax. Council members decided this would be a topic of discussion at the upcoming budget hearings.

Highway Superintendent Tom Kouns asked the Council if they would like for him to request funding for the FCC mandate for narrow banding as budget item or wait until after January 2012 and request an additional. The Council determined they would like Mr. Kouns to request the amount in the CCD budget.

EDC Director Dax Norton was present to provide a brief Economic Development update for the Council.

County Auditor Melody Price distributed handouts and provided a financial update to Council members. Ms. Price stated that she had received an abbreviated budget from Aspire. A representative from Aspire will attend the Commissioners meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss, in depth, how the County's money is being used.

There will be a suggestion box placed in payroll office for employees who have and suggestions or concerns for the Commissioners.

County Attorney Bob Clutter clarified that Sheridan School Referendum would have previously needed to be certified by the County Council and that this process is no longer necessary.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jane Myers, Lebanon Public Library was present to inform the Council that she will be serving her last year as Director in 2012. Ms. Myers distributed handouts for Council member and updated on the library's progress thus far.

Council member Debby Shubert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2011-03 re-establishing the cum bridge fund and increasing the tax rate for the fund. Council member Butch Smith seconded. Motion carried.

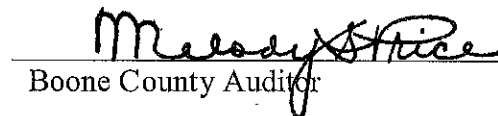
Jim Love representing Boone County 4-H was present to express appreciation for the funds the county set aside for past projects. On behalf of the Boone County 4-H he thanked the Council for their support.

With nothing further, Council member Brent Wheat made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council member Gene Thompson seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting is August 9, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. to be held in the Connie Lamar Room in the Annex Building.

Submitted for Approval on 8-9-11  
(Date)

  
Boone County Council President

  
Boone County Auditor